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SUBJ: FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING DECEMBER 2 MEETING WITH MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY ON OTHER TOPICS, ADDERLEY LAMENTED THAT CONSTRAINTS ON HIS TIME HAD MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO FOCUS SUFFICIENTLY ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING FACILITIES TALKS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED AMBASSADOR COMMENT THAT FROM OUR

POINT OF VIEW BALL HAD BEEN IN THEIR COURT AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD PREPARED LETTER TO AMBASSADOR ON FACILITIES ISSUE THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD RECEIVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. ADDERLEY DID NOT OFFER TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF LETTER AT DECEMBER 2 MEETING, BUT CONVEYED DISTINCT IMPRESSION IT WOULD ADDRESS SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE RATHER THAN MERELY PROPOSE ONCE AGAIN A NEW "TARGET DATE" FOR CONCLUSION OF TALKS ON DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

2. WHILE AMBASSADOR AND ADDERLEY DID NOT GO INTO SUBSTANCE OF US MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS, AMBASSADOR DID NOTE THAT DOMESTIC US PRESSURES WERE INCREASINGLY CURTAILING FACILITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ADDERLEY'S LETTER WOULD PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM CONCERNING CONTINUANCE OF FACILITIES HERE. ADDERLEY DID NOT RISE TO THE BAIT, MERELY RESPONDING THAT IT MIGHT DO SO "IF US SIDE IS REASONABLE."

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